

Application No.: 10/725,929
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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1, 6 and 9-20 are pending and rejected in the application. Claims 1, 6 and 9-14 have been amended. New claims 22, 23 and 24 have been added. No new matter has been added.

On page 2, the Official Action rejects claims 1, 6 and 9-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murphy (US 6,282,362) in view of LaChapelle (US 7,054,888). It is respectfully submitted, however, that the claims are patentable over the art of record for at least the reasons set forth below.

LaChapelle is jointly assigned to Matsushita and the Microsoft Corporation. The above-identified application is also jointly assigned to Matsushita and the Microsoft Corporation (i.e. LaChapelle and U.S. 10/725,929 are commonly owned). Specifically, a joint development agreement between Matsushita and Microsoft Corporation was in effect before the date the claimed invention was made, and the claimed invention was made within the scope of the joint development agreement. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the LaChapelle reference be removed.

Claim 1 relates to a parameter information file and a meta-data file which utilize file ID's for identifying a plurality of data files. Specifically, each data file is given a unique file ID which corresponds to the sequential order in which the parameter information and meta-data are stored in their respective files. These features are at least supported on pages 13-23 of Applicants' specification and furthermore shown on Figs. 2 and 3. No new matter has been added.

Murphy is directed to a geographical image recording and display system. Specifically, Murphy suggests a system that is able to record images, and record the position and the time when the images were captured. Murphy, however, does not suggest all of the features in Applicants' claim 1. Thus, independent claim 1 is patentable over the art of record for at least the reasons set forth above.

Independent claims 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 have similar features to claim 1. Thus, these claims are also patentable over the art of record for at least the reasons set forth above.

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Dependent claims 6 and 15-20 include all of the features of the claims from which they depend. Thus, these claims are also patentable over the art of record for at least the reasons set forth above.

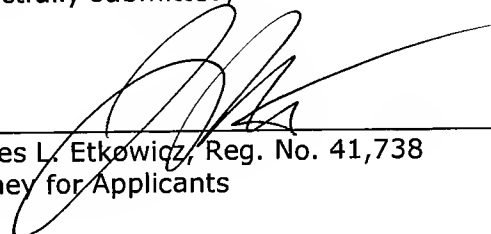
New dependent claims 22, 23 and 24 have been added. New claims 22, 23 and 24 are identical to previously cancelled claims 3, 5 and 8 as recited in the amendment dated October 22, 2009. Support for these features can be at least found on pages 13-17 of the originally filed application. Claims 22, 23 and 24 include all of the features of the claims from which they depend. Thus, these claims are also patentable over the art of record for at least the reasons set forth above.

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In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified Application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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